

## Negro Band Proves Big Feature of Musical Entertainment at State Fair

A great feature of the State Fair of Alabama during the week and to be continued until the close on Tuesday night, is the music provided by the band of the 24th United States Infantry of 58 instruments, said to be the most famous negro band in the country and one of the high-ranking musical organizations of the army. The presence of the band in Montgomery is due to the cooperation with the fair authorities of Captain A. G. French, chief recruiting officer of his district, who obtained the permission of the commanding officer of the regiment for the band to play at the fair. The negro musicians have given four concerts daily, and from the opening program on last Monday they have had large audiences. It was realized by people at the fair who knew anything of music that the 24th Infantry band was all that it was heralded to be when its first selection in the grand stand on Monday was a variation of the "Cujus Animam" from Rossini's "Stabat Mater." An idea of the musical quality of the performances may be obtained from one program. The "Semper Fidelis" march of Sousa; Weber's overture to "Oberon;" Von Suppe's "Shepherd's Morning Song," with cornet solo by W. H. Graham; a descriptive by Hermann, "Musician Astray in the Forest," selection from "The Bohemian Girl," Balfe.

A white officer, Lieut. W. D. Schas, who has the distinction of being 6 feet, 6 inches in height, came from the regiment at Fort Benning, in charge of the band, and has become part of the fair personnel after making many friends among the officers. The leader of the band, Robert B. Tresville, who holds the rank of staff-sergeant, has been trained in the army school for the work and has all the musical enthusiasm and genius necessary to make an outstanding director. The whole band have comported themselves as soldiers of the United States Army during the time they have been here, and when that is said it fills every requirement of conduct. They have been neat and in full uniform at all times in public and appear to take great pride in their appearance. When off duty and on the Fair grounds they have carried themselves erect and maintained their military bearing as if on their own parade ground.

The full roster of the band is as follows:

11-9-24  
Tresville, Robert B., staff sergeant; Larkins, George, 1st sergeant; Scipio, Louis A., sergeant; Glover, Benjamin L., sergeant; Quander, Richard I., sergeant; Moseley, Homer F.; Lee, Monroe; Schooler, Peter; Brown, Harvey; Graham, William H.; Higginbotham, Marion; Sanderson, Irvin; Handy James; Brown, Gordon; Williams, Slone; Brown, George; Cleveland, Johnnie; Jackson, Carl; Williams, Alfred; Horton, Eugene; Brice, John J.

Miller, Noah N.; Lyle, Elwood H.; Dobbs, Arthur; Vercher, John; Thurman, Robert; Williams, Fred; Letmon, Perry; Davis, Roosevelt; Wade, Robert L.; Smith, Clarence; Trent, Isaiah; Banks John; Trent, Abraham; David, Samuel; Thaddious, Robert; Huey, Earnest; Burroughs, Isreal; Smith, Fread; Mitchell, William H.; King, David C. Ruffin, Frank; McKenney, Ben; Middleton, Levy; Rhodes, Harvey; Branson, George M.; Lee, Joseph H.; Inglemon, James A.; Mason, David; Wells, Claude L.; Johnson, Coleman; Jones, Chester A.; Jones, Henry; Lawson, George; Blair, Co. "C"; Williams, R. Co. "L"; Day, Co. "D"; Scott, Hq. Co.



Fairs - 1924.

Arkansas.

**LITTLE ROCK ARK. GAZETTE**  
**OCTOBER 22, 1924**  
**A PERMANENT BUILDING FOR**  
**THE NEGRO EXHIBIT.**

To provide a suitable building, of permanent construction, to house the annual exhibit which shows what the negroes of the state are doing in agriculture, industry and other lines of endeavor, is the commendable object of the newly organized Colored Division of the Arkansas State Fair Association. Dr. J. G. Thornton is chairman of this auxiliary organization, I. T. Gilliam is secretary and manager and A. E. Bush is treasurer. It will co-operate with the Fair Association in raising the necessary funds.

At the state fair which has just closed there were negro exhibits from the 14 counties that have negro demonstration agents. These exhibits brought the most favorable comment. The great need is a proper building. The efforts that are now to be made to raise funds for the providing of a permanent negro exhibit building deserve the fullest co-operation on the part of the general public.

**COLORED FAIR WILL**  
**BE HELD AT MARION**

Negro Farmers to Stage Exhibit October 2-4.

The negro farmers of Crittenden County, Ark., will stage a county fair at Marion, Oct. 2, 3 and 4. A 36-page catalogue announcing the premium list for exhibits is just off the press and circulars were being circulated in Memphis yesterday by D. A. Rudder, colored county agent, of Crittenden County. Community exhibits will be one of the features of the fair. Colored communities in Crittenden and adjacent Arkansas counties will be allowed to arrange such exhibits as they desire and a handsome loving cup will be awarded the community displaying the most unique and best arranged exhibit. *Commercial Appeal*  
The value of any article to farm maintenance will be considered the most important point in judging individual exhibits, according to the fair catalogue. Quality of the article, arrangement of exhibit and varieties of commodities displayed will also be taken into consideration.



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Florida.

Tampa, Fla.  
JAN 27 1924  
Tribune

## NEGRO EXHIBITS TO BE REPRESENTATIVE

MANY COUNTIES WILL  
BE EXHIBITORS

Work and Advancement of  
Race to Be Shown in  
Creditable Displays

THE negro department of the South Florida Fair, occupying one entire building, is an interesting exhibition each year and shows remarkably fine work in many lines done by the negroes, men, women and school children, of this state.

This year the negro building has been rearranged to utilize all space to best advantage, and the number of entries booked means that it will be taxed to capacity.

Sixteen or seventeen counties of Florida will be represented in this department this year. Dr. J. A. White, of Tampa, superintendent of the negro department, is in charge of the women's fancy work and the educational exhibits. A. A. Turner, of Tallahassee, local district agent, with the state university of Gainesville, is in charge of the agricultural displays.

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In the textile department will be fine specimens of embroidery, lace work, knitting, crochet, basketry, weaving, bead work, shuck work, pine needle, wire grass and palmetto work and other activities.

Prizes are offered for the best exhibits of high school, county school and city school work, in the educational department.

The culinary department will include excellent samples of preserves, pickles, canned vegetables, jellies, etc. Domestic science displays will include bread, cakes, pies, custards and candies.

The negro department is in charge of the following officers: Dr. J. A. White, president; L. R. Thomas, vice president; Rev. A. J. Ferrell, secretary; J. N. Clinton, treasurer and the following commissioners: Rev. J. S. Braswell, Rev. G. D. Griffin, Rev. W. J. Ballou, Rev. J. E. Culmer, Rev. F. P. Griggs, C. C. Green, C. W. Murray, Edward James, W. L. Rose.

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Fairs - 1924.

General.

## COLORED FAIR PLANS PROGRESS SMOOTHLY

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History of Negro Participation.

The progress of the negro of Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee, in domestic science, in agriculture, in manual training, in music and letters will be shown at the Tri-State Fair Grounds, Oct. 8, 9, 10 and 11.

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Together with the above educational features will be many amusements; namely, band concerts, vaudeville shows, horse races, the pageant show, the fashion show, and competitive drills by county schools. During the four days of the fair, all amusements will be open to the public. Noah's Ark, the Skooter, the Storm, the merry-go-round, One Thousand and One Troubles, the Whip, the Old Mill, the Mysterious House and the flying machines.

The fair association invites the public to come and help make this the greatest attraction for good and self-help to better citizenship. All members of the state convention chorus will meet L. E. Campbell this afternoon to practice for the memorial services at the colored Tri-State Fair Wednesday.

MEMPHIS TENN. APPEAL  
OCTOBER 5, 1924

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# FINE SHOWING MADE AT SPRINGFIELD

## Annual Community Fair Attracts Very Large Crowd

The Springfield N. & I. Institute, Mayfield, Ga., held its second annual community fair and conference November 13, 14 and 15, under the auspices of the Ga. State Board for Vocational Education, the Hancock County Board of Education, cooperating. There was an attendance of more than 1,000 people. Among the prominent educators, business and professional men attending were O. W. Moran, C. S. S., E. A. Jernigan, B. H. Herndon, W. W. Whaley, H. Johnston, S. D. Truitt, County Agent; T. W. Jernigan, Ben O'Rear, Mrs. Jessie Whaley, Mrs. Mame Jernigan, Mrs. E. Johnson, Mrs. B. O'Rear, Mrs. Minnie Waller, Mrs. Ula Herndon, Miss Herndon, Mrs. Mary Herndon, Mrs. L. S. Ingraham, Prof. Drummond H. Hunt, principal of Fort Valley H. & I. School; L. S. Molette, Vocational Agricultural teacher, Fort Valley H. & I. School and Prof. Alva Tabor, Itinerant Teacher-Trainer, Ga. State Industrial College, Savannah, Ga. Instructive addresses were delivered on timely agricultural topics. Prof. H. A. Hunt, Principal of the Fort Valley H. & I. School, who is rendering a series of addresses at Community Fairs and Conferences being held at colored Vocational Schools situated in adjacent counties to the Fort Valley H. & I. School, was the principal speaker. His subject was "Community Cooperation" and was discussed in a very forceful and pleasing manner to the satisfaction of his hearers. Prof. C. W. Moran, C. S. S., made a very interesting address, pointing out the progress and development of the colored farmers living in Springfield community, resulting from the establishment of the Vocational Agricultural Department in the Springfield School. Prof. L. S. Molette gave a very interesting talk on the value of Vocational Education in Agriculture and the success of Vocational Agriculture in the Fort Valley H. & I. School during the year.

The exhibits were made up chiefly

from farm products produced by men and women, boys and girls who are members of the all-day and evening classes in Vocational Agriculture. The exhibit consisted of 28 Duroc Jersey hogs and pigs; 10 high grade Jersey bulls, 6 grade Jersey cows, 7 grade Jersey heifers, 1 Holstein-Friesian bull, 1 ule colt, a splendid poultry display, of 24 pens of Barred Rocks and White Leghorns; pen turkeys, 3 Opossums; beautiful display of crochet, embroidery, needle work, quilts, dresses, shirts and coat-suits; scores of jars of jellies, preserves, pickles, soup-mixtures, cakes, pies, biscuits, butter which was a credit to the domestic science department; soap, crocus rugs, baskets and woodwork; sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, velvet beans, peanuts, fodder, pea vine hay, syrup, sugar cane pumpkins, butterbeans, snap beans, pole beans, beets, collards cabbages, turnips, English peas, popcorn, water-melons, mung beans, oats, wheat, pecans and eggs.

The merchants and business men of Sparta, White Plains, Powelton and Pride, together with individuals living within and out of the county were donors of the prizes which consisted of \$25.00 in cash, hats, caps, stockings, shirts, skirts, handkerchiefs, overalls, powder-puffs, perfumes, knives and forks, pans, oil cans, galvanized buckets, sanitary drinking fountains, pencils, tablets, loose leaf note books, mugs, coffee pot, salt, sugar, raisins, can of sausage, pocket books, plows, bridles, buckbands and plow lines. More than \$100.00 was taken in as door receipts for sale of barbecue, soft drinks and basket-suppers. This money will be used in equipping the schools with desks.

The people of Springfield Community are very grateful to their many friends, both white and colored, who contributed toward the success of the fair and conference and are inspired to put forth greater efforts to obtain success in their farming operations. Plans are being made for a bigger and better fair for 1925.

The fair was under the direct supervision of Prof. E. G. Washington, Principal of the Springfield N. & I. Institute and teacher of Vocational Agriculture who was assisted by his corps of teachers, Board of Directors of which Mr. Stephen McGhee is president, Prof. S. D. Truitt, County Agent Hancock County; Miss L. T. Dixon, Jeanes teacher, Hancock County and Prof. Alva Tabor.

## OCT 4 1924 CREDITABLE PARADE BY ROME'S COLORED POPULATION FRIDAY

Contained Many Decorated  
Floats and the Negro School  
Children of City

## PROGRAM OF SPEECHES AT THE FAIR GROUNDS

In Afternoon Program of Athletic Events Was Arranged  
For Entertainment of Visitors  
Proves Interesting

Rome's colored population took possession of the Floyd county fair Friday morning, and from early morning until 6 o'clock in the afternoon they had everything their way. An interesting program was held in the grand stand in the morning, attended by the negroes and a number of white people.

Friday morning a floral parade was given by the negroes that was featured by many beautifully decorated automobiles, original floats, and the pupils of the negro schools of the city. The automobile of Harry Taylor, trimmed in white and gold, was first prize winner, while that of Gus McArever, with the American flag featured, and a little girl calmly sitting on the front of the radiator, was given second place. The float of the Shorter College waiters won honorable mention.

The school float that won first prize went to the Rome Colored Public School and the Kindergarten school won second place.

The best agriculture float went to T. S. Shropshire, and second prize was won by Si Montgomery.

Georgia. The float with the "Possum and Dog" a big feature of last year, was another feature of Friday's parade.

Lucky Rome people saw the parade as it moved through the streets headed by its music, and marshaled by its outriders, and admiration and appreciation of the enterprise in getting it up was expressed on all sides. The fair association was very appreciative in its comments on the showing of the parade.

At the fair grounds the morning program was directed by Dr. R. H. Brooks, who introduced the visiting speakers, and who made the opening address of the day. He urged co-operation of his people with the projects of white people, and expressed "our thanks for the conditions which exist in Rome."

Following this the two "Queens" of the fair were crowned. Ida Brison of the Rome Colored Public Schools, and Mary Thomas of the Kindergarten were the ones selected.

Following this, several addresses were made. Among the speakers were: Pro. H. R. Rutland, of Rockmart; Prof. F. M. Gordon, of Cave Spring; Prof. W. M. Howard, president of the Rome Industrial High school. These talks all urged the negroes to better things and the remarks were very warmly received.

During the afternoon the negroes had planned a program for the entertainment of those attending. These events took on an athletic form and were as follows:

Catching the greased pig, climbing a greased pole, a tug of war, a three-legged race, wheel barrow race, 100-yard dash, horse and mule races, and several other events.



Fairs—1924.

Georgia.

COLUMBUS, GA. 1924

OCT 15 1924

NINE COUNTIES

INCLUDED IN THE

COLORED EXHIBITS

## Fair Visitors Pleased With Negro Exhibitions

Visitors at the Southeastern fair are much pleased at the varied and complete industrial and agricultural exhibit of negroes now being shown. Most of the displays are presented under a tent located near the main agricultural building, but a few are shown in the agricultural building itself.

Under supervision of E. A. Williams, of Savannah, who has charge of agricultural extension work among negroes for the state college of agriculture, the department has brought to the fair 14 complete county exhibits, 24 school exhibits and more than 1,000 individual exhibits.

Assisting Agent Williams in the manifested in the hundreds of exhibits by people of both races is pleasing the people in charge and those having exhibits.

Individuals, boys' and girls' clubs and women's clubs are represented, the exhibits, as stated, representing nine counties.

The Fifth avenue public school has a big exhibit of manual training products by the boys and the girls have contributed articles of handicraft. There are also many agricultural exhibits from colored farmers of the nine counties. The Boys' Corn club has sent a magnificent display of corn to this department. Prizes for the department total some \$300.

The Phyllis Wheatley club, Fort Benning, has sent a big exhibit. One of the remarkable displays is a bedspread, a real fancy one, made from unbleached sheeting. There are bedroom sets and many food exhibits, there being shelves of conserved fruit.

Mary Alice Jackson, a local principal, is superintendent of the department. Mamie Mathews, county teacher, has seen to it that the county folks are well represented.

State agricultural experts of the race numbering three are at the exhibit and had much to do with getting the other eight counties to send exhibits. These are: E. A. Williams, state agricultural agent; P. H. Stone, Boys' club agent, and L. C. Weems, district home demonstration agent, all of Savannah.

The exhibit should be visited by all visitors, as it is a great showing of the things made by colored people.

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### Local Schools Have Booths.

Each of the Atlanta schools has a booth in which are displayed articles showing the proficiency of students in some industrial or domestic science work. All booths contain displays of needle work, embroidery, crochet work, drawn work and garment making. In some of the exhibits are displays of clothing, rugs, furniture covers and other articles made from used fertilizer sacks.

Among the Atlanta schools represented were Atlanta Baptist Preparatory institute, Booker T. Washington school, Wesley avenue school, South Atlanta school with a pretty display of quilts; Edmund Asa Ware school showing a model farm in full operation; Rockdale school offering a model bedroom; David T. Howard school showing beautiful oil paintings; Gray street school showing a miniature circus parade made by one of the students; Dimmock school, W. H. Grogman school, Carrie Steele school, Bell Street school showing a model garden; Bailor Street school, Ashby Street school, Holmes institute and Spellman college.

County exhibits sent to the fair by negroes were from Coweta county, two booths; Washington county, Rockdale and Newton counties combined exhibit; Polk county, three booths; Clarke and Jackson counties combined; Troup county, Monroe county, Liberty county and Houston county.

### Corn Club Work.

The boys' corn club work of the negroes is represented in exhibits sent from 18 counties. Some prize-winning ears at other fairs have been sent here to enter the local contest.

The negroes also operate a cafe in connection with the exhibit demonstrating practical work in domestic science.

The displays are offered artistically and show the wonderful progress that has been made in demonstration work carried on by the state college among negroes. Agent Williams has been connected with the extension work for many years.



# Fairs—1924. NEGROES TO GIVE FAIR.

## St. Landry Police Jury Aids in Parish Movement.

Opelousas, La., Aug. 23.—The St. Landry parish negroes are preparing to give their fair here in Opelousas October 17 and 18. A large amount of money was recently donated to them by the St. Landry police jury for helping them out. The fair is being promoted by R. W. Nicholson, president; N. E. Ware, secretary, and W. W. Solette, local farm agent.

# OCT 30 1924 NEGROES WILL BE ENTERTAINED AT LOUISIANA FAIR

## Recently Constructed Negro Building To Be Dedicated November 3.

Every day's program at the 1924 Louisiana State Fair will offer profitable and pleasing entertainment to the negroes in attendance, but their greatest celebration is officially scheduled for Monday, November 3, when the recently constructed negro building will be formally dedicated. In honor of the occasion the State Fair management has designated the day as Southern University day, Wiley College day and Southern University-Wiley College football day.

The special program will open at 10 o'clock in the morning with a football game between two Shreveport negro schools. This will be the third contest staged in the new stadium, two games being scheduled for Saturday, November 1, with the annual game between Louisiana and Arkansas Universities formally dedicating the stadium, which represents a substantial investment, and means added accommodation for State Fair visitors. The present structure is the initial unit in a mammoth stadium plant, but is adequate to take care of a crowd of several thousand.

The stadium program also provides for competitive drills by men and women representative lodge teams, with music by a band. This will be followed by the dedication address by Prof. J. S. Clark, president of Southern University, Baton

Rouge, which institution, under the president's personal supervision, always places a large and creditable exhibit in the negro building at the State Fair.

The cornerstone of the new building will be laid, with ceremonies at the building, by the lodge chosen for this purpose.

Following the dedicatory exercises, the stadium will open again at 1 o'clock for a football game between Southern University of Baton Rouge and Wiley College of Marshall, Texas. The teams representing these institutions are listed as champions among negro football teams of their respective states, and a lively gridiron battle is promised.

The new negro building represents an investment of approximately \$12,000. It occupies a prominent location on the fair grounds, and provides considerably more space than was provided in the old building, which had become insufficient to accommodate the constantly increasing exhibit of the colored citizens.

R. P. Player, superintendent of the colored schools of Shreveport, is superintendent of the building at the fair, and Prof. J. S. Clark, president of Southern University, is superintendent of the fine Hippodrome acts; several educational division, in which each year greater strides are reflected. S. W. Jones, negro demonstration agent for Caddo, is in charge of the Caddo parish agricultural show in the negro building. Heads of other departments include: Fred Stewman, superintendent of the livestock division; Rachel E. Galton, superintendent of the women's work department; J. S. Jones of Scotlandville, La., supervisor of Jeanes and Resenwald work, superintendent of pupils work in Class D and Class E schools; Maggie Nance Ringgold of Baton Rouge, superintendent of negro home demonstration work; T. J. Jordan, in charge of farm makers' club. Southern University, superintendent of the department of junior extension, negro division.

Indications are that the new building the very first year of its use will be filled with creditable exhibits, according to Secretary-Manager W. R. Hirsch, who reports that several parishes have had space reserved for participation in the parish contest, in addition to the schools and other universities and individuals who have made entries or planning to do so.

There have been increases of premium lists in the various departments of the State Fair this year, with between \$40,000 and \$50,000 listed in the catalog, and those who attend and wish to be informed about the progress being made in agricultural pursuits, poultry-raising, livestock breeding, home demonstration and associ-

ated work, educational advancement, etc., will have the opportunity of learning. The Fair is a great educational institution, and through the premiums it offers and the other encouragement it furnishes, it provides for a mammoth exhibition each year; the one this year, October 30 to November 9, is expected to be the best on record.

Because of the foot and mouth disease quarantines forcing the Texas Fair to cancel its livestock shows, similar action has been taken by the management of the Louisiana Fair, which recently called off its cattle, sheep, goat and swine shows. But the annual Jersey cattle sale of Louisiana bred animals, is expected to be staged, and the boys and girls' pig club show will be held, and no other part of the fair will be affected. "We will have something to take the place of the livestock shows," Secretary-Manager Hirsch has announced.

The amusement program is unusually large and attractive. There will be eight days of running races, two days of automobile racing, auto polo twice daily, spectacular fireworks each night in front of the grandstand, featuring "Tokyo" a re-production of Japan's holocaust; the fine Hippodrome acts; several bands, including Al Sweet's Famous Singing Band; about two dozen Gladway attractions furnished by our own Morris & Castle Shows of Shreveport; and several football games.

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# STRIDES MADE BY NEGROES ARE REFLECTED AT FAIR; NEW BUILDING DEDICATED

## Sunday Attendance at Fair Sets Record, When Over 30,000 Attend—Thousands Throng Gladway—Young's Revue Makes Big Hit.

Monday's program is being enjoyed especially by negroes at the State Fair, being Southern University and Wiley College day, and Wiley College and Southern University football day, as well as the day set aside for the dedication of the new negro building recently completed by the State Fair management at a cost of more than \$12,000. However, there was abundant entertainment for other visitors, and many are indulging in the various pleasures.

It is a fact worthy of note that Louisiana is one of the few states in the union where a commodious and modern building is maintained for the special use of the negro race at annual fair exhibitions. And it is also worthy of note that the negro race has made more rapid progress since the Fair was inaugurated here nineteen years ago, than they have made in any other southern state, with the possible exception of Alabama, where

The dedication exercises were held at 11 o'clock Monday morning, when Prof. J. S. Clark, president of the Southern University delivered the dedicatory address before an im-

mense throng of both white and colored people in the negro building. Prof. Clark spoke in eloquent and impressive terms of the progress made by the negro race in Louisiana since emancipation from slavery only sixty years ago. He laid special stress upon the educational value of the Louisiana State Fair and expressed great appreciation for the liberality of the Fair management in its treatment of the negro race.

Competitive drills by negro men and women drill teams were witnessed by a large audience which gave evidence of its approval by frequent outbursts of applause.

Sunday was the banner day for the Fair, so far. A total of 23,515 persons paid admission, and it is estimated that probably 2,000 persons connected with the Fair, were admitted bringing the grand total in attendance to more than 30,000. Sunday afternoon and Sunday night the grandstand also broke all records for gate receipts. Every available seat was occupied and the paddock and walks were crowded to the utmost capacity.

The excellence of the hippodrome attractions this year is given as the cause of record crowds in the grandstand. The "London Steppers" and the 1924 revue girls have made a wonderful hit with the public. Those who witness these performances become at once "walking advertisements" for the hippodrome acts. Both these acts will be entirely changed for Monday night's performance, introducing new features throughout.

Judging was completed Saturday in many of the departments. Ribbons have been awarded to all perishable exhibits in the agricultural building and several of the judges who have completed their work left Sunday night for their homes.

According to the usiness office of the Morris & Castle Shows, Sunday's business eclipsed any day of the Fair, more than 20,000 admission tickets were sold for the various attractions along "Gladway." Every one of the four days of the Fair have been exceptionally good, Mr. Morris said. The crowds visiting these shows are orderly and good-natured and the absence of rowdiness or intoxication is quite marked, no evidence of drunkenness having been observed on the Fair grounds since the beginning of the exposition last Thursday, and with the exception of two personal encounters where men undertook to settle some differences with their fists, there has been no disturbance of any kind. This is remarkable, according to State Fair officials, when it is remembered that during the four days more than 100,000 persons have visited the Fair grounds.

The missing exhibits for the New Orleans building were in place on Monday morning. This installation included a rest room which Orleans on that day. The building board of New Orleans, next Friday, Nov. 9, which has been set aside as New Orleans Day. Announcement was made Monday that the New Orleans building company, together with a party of stockholders, will be present, and will deliver an address on that day will be the first visit to the New Orleans building and help themselves.

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Recently Constructed Negro Building To Be Dedicated November 3.

Every day's program at the 1924 Louisiana State Fair will offer profitable and pleasing entertainment to the negroes in attendance, but their greatest celebration is officially scheduled for Monday, November 3, when the recently constructed negro building will be formally dedicated. In honor of the occasion the State Fair management has designated the day as Southern University day, Wiley College day and Southern University-Wiley College football day.

The special program will open at 10 o'clock in the morning with a football game between two Shreveport negro schools. This will be the third contest staged in the new stadium, two games being scheduled for Saturday, November 1, with the annual game between Louisiana and Arkansas Universities, which represents a substantial investment, and means added accommodation for State Fair visitors. The present structure is the initial unit in a mammoth stadium plant, but is adequate to take care of a crowd of several thousand.

The stadium program also provides for competitive drills by men and women representative lodge teams, with music by a band. This will be followed by the dedication address by Prof. J. S. Clark, president of Southern University, Baton Rouge, which institution, under the presidents' personal supervision, always places a large and creditable exhibit in the negro building learning. The Fair is a great educational institution, and through the cornerstone of the new the premiums it offers and the building will be laid, with ceremony other encouragement it furnishes, nics at the building, by the lodge it provides for a mammoth exhibition for this purpose.

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R. P. Player, superintendent of two days of automobile racing, the colored schools of Shreveport, auto-race twice daily, spectacular is superintendent of the negro fireworks each night in front of the building at the fair and Prof. J. S. Grandstand, featuring "Tokyo" a Clark, president of Southern University, is superintendent of the fine Hippodrome acts, several educational division, in which each band, including Al Sweet's five-year greaser strides are reflected in the band, including Al Sweet's five-year greaser strides are reflected in the band, including Al Sweet's five-year greaser strides are reflected in the band.

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Indications are that the new building the very first year of its use will be filled with creditable exhibits, according to Secretary Manager W. R. Hirsch, who reports that several parishes have had staves reserved for participation in the parish contest, in addition to the schools and other universities and individuals who have made entries or planning to do so.

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Competitive drills by negro men and women drill teams were witnessed by a large audience which gave evidence of its approval by frequent outbursts of applause. Sunday was the banner day for the fair, so far. A total of 28,516 persons paid admission, and it is estimated that probably 2,000 persons connected with the fair, were admitted, bringing the grand total in attendance to more than 30,000. Sunday afternoon and Sunday night the grandstand also broke all records for gate receipts. Every available seat was occupied and the padlock and walks were crowded to the utmost capacity.

The excellence of the hippodrome attractions this year is given as the cause of record crowds in the grandstand. The "London Steppers" and the 1924 revue girls have made a wonderful hit with the public. Those who witness these performances become at once "walking advertisements" for the hippodrome acts. Both these acts will be entirely changed for Monday night's performance, introducing new features throughout.

Judging was completed Saturday in many of the departments. Ribbons have been awarded to all perishable exhibits in the agricultural building, and several of the judges who have completed their work left Sunday night for their homes.

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of Mr. Long to the fair within the last five years. He will be accompanied by a large delegation of New Orleans people.

J. T. Leckert, of the Consumers Biscuit company, will arrive Tuesday and take charge of the company's exhibit, relieving A. J. Walsh, who returned to New Orleans Monday.

The statistician of the New Orleans Building announced Monday that 10,000 cups of coffee were distributed to visitors Sunday by the representatives of the two New Orleans coffee companies maintaining booths in the building.

Because of complaints of visitors Sunday that they had been overcharged by peddlers on the grounds Secretary-Manager Hirsch promulgated a rule Monday morning that all concessionaires must display signs over their wares plainly stating the prices of the articles offered for sale. The rule applies to cold drink stands, peanut vendors as well as all others who offer things for sale on the Fair Grounds.

That Secretary-Manager Hirsch, of the State Fair, does not have to go to such other fields for daredevil aerial performers, was proven Saturday and Sunday, when Buck Steel and Buck Carter dished out their daily aerial thrills to the Fair patrons.

Sunday afternoon the aerial program was viewed with great interest by the crowds in the grand stand, and all over the Fair Grounds. It seemed that each aviator was trying to outdo the other. They looped, tail spinned, barrel rolled and did the falling leaf. However, they did all their stunts out over the race track, where there was no danger to anyone but themselves.

Buck Steel, who was relieving Gardner Nagle as pilot of one of the planes, had the crowds gasping for breath when he looped the loop within only a few hundred feet of the ground. At times it seemed that he would not be able to get his plane righted before it hit the ground.

Carter and Nagle will furnish the aerial thrills for the fair patrons daily at 4 o'clock.

Although a young man, Nagle has been flying aeroplanes for the past 7 years, and is, perhaps, the most experienced aviator in this section of the country.

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## Many Interesting Exhibits In Negro Building at Fair

No unit of Louisiana's citizenship has shown greater appreciation of the magnitude and educational importance of the Louisiana State Fair than the negroes of the state.

This is evidenced by the ever increasing interest manifested by that race in the annual exhibits in the negro section. This year is no exception to the rule. The newly completed negro building, larger and more commodious than the buildings in use in former years, is already overrun with exhibits, several applications having been turned down for want of room.

The exhibits in the negro building embrace general agriculture education and domestic science.

The Southern University's booth is better this year than last, in point of arrangement, and for the further reason, that a hospital department has been added to the exhibit.

The new building is provided with a rest room for the accommodation of tired mothers and their children. This, too, is an innovation, and is being used extensively by visiting negro women.

More parishes are represented this year in the negro section than has been recorded in any previous year, while the city schools show evidences of steady improvement by the better work, which is reflected in the character of the various city school exhibits.

Announcement has been made that dedicatory ceremonies will be held Monday, November 3, when the new building will be formally dedicated and turned over to the negroes of Louisiana. The ceremonies will be under the auspices of the Negro Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, of which Rev. E. B. Baranco is grand master. Dr. J. S. Clark will deliver the dedicatory address.

R. Player, a well known negro teacher, is in charge of the negro building.



Fairs - 1924.

Mississippi.

## NEGROES HOLD FAIR.

Picayune Community Exhibit Credit to School—Great Progress Shown.

PICAYUNE, Miss., Dec. 8.—The most interesting event to the people of Picayune and community was the negro Community Fair that was held the past two days at the negro school building.

A number of leading white people attended the fair and pronounced it quite a success. Splendid exhibits spoke well for the negroes. There were products from the domestic science department of the school and from the school farm.

The school had on exhibition nine cotton, the short, the bender and the Meade, a type of sea island cotton. Three stalks of the Meade were pulled in the month of August and kept for this exhibition. It had more than 59 grown bolls; twice the number of the short cotton.

The School had on exhibition nine varieties of lima (butter) beans and five varieties of sweet potatoes raised this year.

Splendid quilts, bed spreads, beautiful hand work and many other beautiful things made by the girls and boys were placed on exhibition. Hon. Rowland Turner of the Southern Railroad was the chief speaker on the first night of the fair. Mr. Turner was introduced by Prof. S. L. Stringer, superintendent of schools.

Mr. Turner said that he was greatly impressed that this spoke well for the negroes. He said that his coming here was by invitation of Principle J. M. Williamson, that he never met Williamson before coming here. He said that Williamson was the most versatile negro with the sanest ideas of any negro he ever met. He said the negroes should be proud of Williamson and if they would take his advice, they would succeed. He said he came more than a thousand miles to get to this meeting, and he was glad that he came.

Hon. L. O. Crosby, Mr. McDonald and others made short speeches and encouraged the negroes in their effort.

Hon. W. J. Flemming of Hancock County spoke the second night. He told the negroes that the white people were their friends. He commended the exhibits and urged the negroes to stick to the farms as Williamson has been preaching to them, as there are great possibilities on the farm.

George Woods, J. H. Solvy and other negroes made speeches and thanked the white people for what they are doing for the negroes.

with nine counties.

William Turner, negro agent, deserves credit for the splendid showing made for the county on this occasion. Space was very limited and for this reason, many of the county's exhibits could not be entered.

A stalk of cotton showing 242 grown bolls, which was grown on Mr. Barrett's place, near Craigsides, won first prize over all the entries and occasioned much favorable comment. Leflore County also won 1st prize in the hay variety contest—there being ten distinct varieties in the entry from this county. Two of the varieties were very outstanding in quality and were taken to the A. & M. College, by specialists, for permanent exhibition.

The negro agent has planned to hold two Community fairs in the county during the month of November. He is inviting the people of the county as well as out of the county, to know that Leflore is a good county in which to live and prosper.

## NEGRO EXHIBIT

## WINS GOOD PLACE

Leflore County Negro Exhibit At  
Grenada Fair Ranks Third In  
Final Awards

The Leflore County Negro exhibit won third place at the North Mississippi Fair last week in competition



Fairs - 1924.

North Carolina.

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Friday was observed as Educational Day, and students from the Negro colleges attended in a body.

In the Agricultural exhibits, judged by C. R. Hudson, State Farm Demonstration Agent, the premiums were awarded in the following order: farm exhibits, Ed Peebles, Wake county, first; T. H. Wilcox, Method, second.

A. and T. colleges, Greensboro first award for college exhibit; Alamance county first in county exhibits; Martin Community Fair, of Alamance county, first among fairs with Friend-

ship and Wake Forest, second and third. Everett Mann, of Cardenas, won first prize for the Boy's Corn Club exhibits, and second in the corn sweepstakes. Lacy Carmack, of Wage, was second and won third in the sweepstakes, and the first with the best 100 ears. James Jeffries, of Alamance, won second prize on the 100 ear display.

In the women's fancy work, Mari Callins was given first premium for the best plain and fancy work, and B. Hicks was given second prize.

In the Educational department the county schools were given prizes in the following order: Wakefield-Zebulon first; Pleasant Plains, Hertford county, second; Wendell, third. The Seventh Day Adventist School, of Raleigh, received first prize for city schools.

In the art department E. Holmes won first prize for oils and other paintings; Lucile Grant won first prize in free hand drawing; Everett Ricks won second prize for free hand drawing, and D. Bean, was first in mechanical drawing.

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CHARLOTTE N. C. OBSERVER  
NOVEMBER 1, 1924  
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These colored farm demonstration agents are largely responsible for the promotion and the success of the colored fairs which have revealed the progress that is being made by the colored farmers of the State. Among the most valuable of these fairs are the small community fairs which have served as an inspiration and an example by showing what can be done and what is being done by intelligent, industrious men in these communities. A few days ago such a fair was held in Lemley township in this county. The exhibits were a credit to the farmers who showed them, and an inspiration to their neighbors. A number of prizes and awards were given for the best specimens of various crops and for livestock shown. One colored farmer won first prize on a pair of mules he had raised himself, a Jersey cow of his own breeding, a Berkshire boar, purebred turkeys, a wagon bed which he himself had made, a specimen of sorghum syrup which he had made from cane he had grown, and a number of other prizes. This farmer, a tenant on the Oak Hill farm, and a fellow tenant on the same farm captured a total of 18 first and second prizes, including prizes on wheat, Abruzzi rye, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, peanuts and other products of their toil.

It is a notable fact that the intelligent, industrious, honest colored man always holds the respect and confidence of his white neighbors and acquaintances and of the community generally. The true Southerner is always pleased to see a deserving colored man win economic success, with the rewards that come from conscientious, intelligently directed labor, and he is always ready to render assistance and encouragement to such a colored man.

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Charlotte, N. C.  
Observer,  
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What is estimated as the largest crowd that ever attended the Negro Fair, filled the Fair Grounds yesterday morning and afternoon, approximately fifteen thousand coming in by train and automobile. Thursday was set aside as Farmer's Day. However it was also a big occasion for the younger generation, the negro schools of both Raleigh and Durham being given a holiday.

A large crowd was waiting at noon to hear Thomas H. R. Clarke, negro attorney of Washington, D. C., who was to speak for LaFollette, but the speaker failed to appear, and the crowd made its way back to the midway and the Floral Hall where industrial exhibits from all negro schools of the State were on display. Midway, with a number of good shows, attracted the majority of the crowd. Races and free attractions in front of the grandstand, and the demonstrations by the club girls attracted many.

The home demonstration work, in charge of Dazelle Foster, Wake county agent, has been shown at the Fair each year, but for the first time the club girls are giving demonstrations of their bread-making and canning. Working in teams they are giving lectures and demonstrations at the same time.

Today will be Educational Day, the last of the Fair, and the week will come to a close tonight with a ball in the city auditorium.



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National Association of Colored Fairs.

## Fair Association Will Meet in Washington, D. C., Feb. 22

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16—The National Association of Colored Fairs, an affiliate body of the National Negro Business League, will hold its annual winter meeting here February 22 and 23 at the New Liberty Hotel. The meeting promises to be largely attended, and plans for the greatest year in fairs worked out. Dr. J. H. Love of Raleigh, N. C., is president; R. H. Cross, Norfolk, Va., secretary; J. A. Jackson, New York, Special Representative. The other officials are: Henry Hartman, Rockville, Md.; J. G. Saunders, Lexington, Ky.; N. D. Brascher, Chicago, Ill.

## NATIONAL FAIRS ASSOCIATION MEETS

The second annual meeting of the National Association of Colored Fairs was held in Washington, D. C., February 22-23, at the New Liberty Hotel. Dr. J. H. Love of Raleigh, N. C., is president and R. H. Cross of Norfolk, Va., is Secretary and Treasurer.

The meeting was addressed by Dr. Roscoe C. Simmons of Chicago Ill., and Dr. Emmett J. Scott of Howard University, Washington, D. C. Both addresses were inspiring and those in attendance expressed their appreciation for the many timely topics hit upon by the speakers as affecting the colored fairs. Mr. J. G. Saunders of the Lexington Colored Fair at Lexington, Kentucky, the largest Colored Fair in the world, made a very interesting talk on the educational value of fairs and showed the advantage of advertising properly, as well as largely in order to get the desired results. 3-1-24

The president, Dr. J. H. Love, in his annual address stressed the need of more nationally advertised merchandise being placed on exhibition at the colored fairs and advocated a Race Pageant on the fair grounds, while the fairs are being held, depicting the progress of the American Negro from the days of his ancestors in Africa to the present time. It is quite prob-

able that a pageant of this kind will be staged at some of the larger fairs during the season of 1924.

The secretary, R. H. Cross, in his annual report showed that the National Association carried sixty-two (62) fairs on its list and stated that the co-operative method had proved to be of great financial value along economic lines in the operation of various fairs throughout the country. A round table talk on various subjects affecting the organizing and operating of fairs was one of the interesting features of the meeting. The next meeting will be held at Norfolk, Va.

## Fair Association in Successful Convention

The National Association of Colored Fairs, held its annual meeting here at the New Liberty Hotel, New Jersey Avenue and E Street, last Friday and Saturday, February 22nd and 23rd. A large delegation attended. Afternoon and night sessions were held Friday and an afternoon session on Saturday. 3-1-24

Dr. John H. Love, president of the organization, and, also secretary of the North Carolina Industrial Association of Raleigh, N.C., presided at all sessions. 3-1-24

Problems affecting the conduct and promotion of fairs were discussed and legislation aiming at more co-operation between the members was passed. A questionnaire covering many subjects was given each member and he was asked to study them. These questions later were taken up in open discussion on the floor of the convention. The members derived much benefit and information from these discussions as they were able to take council with each member present.

A number of men prominent in the show business addressed the convention, among whom were S. H. Dudley, R. H. Murray of this city, and J.

Garfield Saunders, president of the Lexington, (Ky.) Colored Fair. Dr. Emmett J. Scott of Howard University and William O. Walker of the The Tribune also addressed the organization.

Reports from the delegates showed that although most of the fair associations are still struggling, they have never-the-less made much progress. R. H. Cross of Norfolk, Va., secretary of the organization was very prominent in all sessions.



Fairs - 1924.

Tennessee.

*The Rutherford County  
Colored Fair Association*

*August 27, 28, 29, 30*

*Offers to you the Following Opportunities:*

*A Highway to the Fair Ground Gate From Nashville*

*An Opportunity to see the Greatest Fair in the State by  
Colored People* *Nashville Globe*

*An Opportunity to get Some of the \$1,500.00 That is to  
be Distributed as Premiums. \$500.00 of which is Approp-  
riated by the State* *8-22-24*

*A Chance to see a Real Ground Owned and Operate  
Exclusively by the Race; upon which is being Completed  
Woman's Building at a Cost of \$1,200.00*

*The Rutherford County Colored Fair Association*

*J. P. Hickman, M. D., Pres.*

*Virgil Officer, Sec.*



Fairs - 1924.

South Carolina.

## Colored Education Day Is Held at Fair

ANDERSON, S. C., Nov. 18.—Educational Day at the colored fair was a most successful day, and demonstrated that the negroes are having their children go to school, both in the city and country. In the parade of school children they walked by twos and covered the city blocks. It was estimated that there were nearly 2,000 in line.

The parade was led by two floats, representing the domestic science department of Reed Street School. One of them had a stove and the girls dressed in white were preparing a meal. On the next was domestic art, with the sewing machine, six girls making clothes. These floats were covered in white and were very attractive.

Superintendent McCants, of the city schools, made an address and commended the colored schools for their creditable showing, and for the progress they are making along educational lines. Many of the county schools had numbers of their pupils in the parade, with banners showing what school they were from.

## NEGRO STATE FAIR OPENS TOMORROW

Officials Promise Interesting Display of Exhibits.

IN STEEL BUILDING

Will Show What Negro Is Doing  
in Various Lines of Industry.  
Runs Five Days.

Indications point to an interesting display of exhibits at the Negro state fair which will open Tuesday in the steel building at the fair grounds.

Exhibits will be placed in the building today. A full line of exhibits is expected from the state A. & M. college at Orangeburg, the president of that institution having requested the secretary of the fair association to reserve one side of the building for the institution. The high and rural schools are also expected to send good displays and the farm demonstration agents are cooperating to make the fair a success. The fair will show, officials say, what the Negro is doing on the farm, in the school, in his church and in other lines of endeavor.

The fair will close Saturday. A football game will be played Thursday between Allen university and Benedict college.

The officers of the Negro fair association are: J. H. Goodwin, president; Green Jackson, secretary; T. A. Williams, treasurer and Prof. T. L. Duckett, superintendent.

Members executive committee are the officers mentioned above and E. J. Sawyer and E. S. Wilkinson.

Directors are as follows:

First district, the Rev. S. M. Walker, Summerton; Second district, W. S. Watson, Ridge Spring; Third district, G. C. Williams, Newberry; Fourth district, the Rev. J. B. Smith, Abbeville; Fifth district, A. P. Harper, Jenkinsville; Sixth district, E. J. Sawyer, Rennettsville; Seventh district, Bishop W. D. Chappelle, Columbia.

At large: W. M. Wallace, Whitmire; Dr. R. S. Wilkinson, president State A. and M. college, Orangeburg; the Rev. A. W. Hill, Aiken; C. G. Garrett, R. W. Mance, Columbia.

## NEGRO STATE FAIR WILL CLOSE TODAY

Automobile Races Outstanding Feature.

TO MAIL PREMIUMS

Officers Pleased With Success of  
Undertaking and Appreciative of Cooperation.

The Negro state fair will close today, the principal attraction being the automobile races which are scheduled to begin at 3:30. It was announced last night that a number of cars would enter the contests. The fair opened last Tuesday and provided its patrons with interesting displays and exhibits, horse racing, football games and other attractions.

It was announced yesterday that hundreds of premiums would be paid to those who had exhibits at the fair. The premium list was about completed last night and every person, community and county represented in the annual demonstration will be mailed their premiums within 30 days after the close of the fair, according to a statement from Secretary Jackson.

It was noted that the work of the home demonstration group and the farm demonstration agents, working under the direction of the State A. and M. college of Orangeburg, figured much in making the fair a success.

In this work Francis Thomas, home demonstration agent for Richland, was complimented by the judges for having one of the best displays in this line. Much praise was also given to Dr. D. W. Rosier, supervisor of Negro schools in Fairfield, for similar work.

Dr. J. H. Goodwin, president of the fair, said yesterday that the officers had every reason to feel proud of the efforts made this year by the Negroes in the interest of the fair.

T. A. Williams, speaking of the future, said that the officers of the association were more than proud of the assistance given by the legislature and leading white people. Their aim

next year, he said, would be to have the buildings arranged for live stock and poultry filled with the very best that can be had from the producers that visitors may see more of the work of the Negroes throughout the state. Williams is serving his 19th year as treasurer of the association.

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Negroes Open Fair.

Every intelligent citizen of South Carolina will mentally radio the best of good wishes to the South Carolina State Fair that the colored population of the State are staging at the State Fair Grounds today.

The State A. & M. college of the negroes at Orangeburg and the various negro public schools, as well as the progressive farmers and gardeners of the Black Belt, will be worthily represented and we have no doubt that the showing will be a creditable one.

The advancement of the negro both in an educational sense and a material one is a distinct benefit to South Carolina, for a race that does not progress goes backward. We congratulate the negro fair promoters on the fact that they are showing no signs of retreating.



Fairs—1924.

Virginia.

## Tidewater Fair Elects Officers

Five Per Cent Dividend Voted  
at Stockholders Meeting;  
Same Officers Re-elected.

Suffolk, Va.—A five per cent dividend was voted to stockholders of record at the annual stockholders' meeting of the Tidewater Fair Association here here Thursday, Jan. 31.

W. H. Crocker was re-elected manager and Dr. J. W. Pierce, president. Members of the board were re-elected. The administration of the affairs of the association by these officers has been such as to continue it a solvent and dividend paying corporation since organization. Their strenuous efforts and strict attendance to the business of the concern has placed it on par with the best of fairs of the country. Preparations are already in the making for the greatest event in 1924.

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## Brunswick Colored People Are Big Asset to Our Community

The colored people of Brunswick County are beginning to realize as never before that nowhere in the State of Virginia have the colored people been given a better chance for progress and prosperity. This phase has been very clearly demonstrated at the Brunswick Agricultural and School Fairs of Brunswick County and other exhibitions of the county. And especially so at the last fair held at Lawrenceville. Nothing seems to be left undone in helping the colored people to make a fair showing of their products and wares. The management of the fair as well as all white attendants and visitors were pleasingly courteous to all colored exhibitors and attendance. The white and colored of this county are ever holding to the "ties that bind" each other in together. The colored people of this county is said to be owning more property than in any other

county in the state. This is due partly to the very splendid terms that they have been given by their white friends in purchasing land and other personal property from time to time. No town of its size in the state is more appreciative and considerate of its colored patrons than Lawrenceville.

The business men and merchants of Brunswick county have ever striven to supply the people and farmers of Brunswick with every necessity for bettering their living conditions. Lawrenceville is on the upward climb—"watch her grow." In no town of its size in the state does one find such spacious, well equipped stores as are found in Lawrenceville. It would be hard to find even in the city of Petersburg such stores that would compare favorably with the stores here. They cater to the people's needs and of Brunswick county. If you don't find what you want and it can be had, these stores "will get it."

We would not forget to speak of the banking facilities which are as good as any in the state. The several banks are mighty elastic in expanding themselves to the wishes of the honest borrower among the colored people.

Lawrenceville is a beautiful town, well filled with costly church edifices and school buildings, mansions and stores.

The St. Paul's Normal and Industrial School is a shining light on the negro's pathway, and bespeaks well for Brunswick and Lawrenceville. It is one of the finest, is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows and the Modern Woodmen. Mr. G. E. Harrison, who formerly was with the Lawrenceville postoffice, is